WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Modernisation of the Signalling and Telecommunication System on Delhi Mughalsarai section

*361. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways propose to upgrade and modernise the signalling and telecommunication system on Delhi-Mughalsarai section of Northern Railway;

(b) if so, the approximate expenditure thereof; and

(c) the target for completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The works for replacement, modernisation and upgradation of the Signalling and Telecommunication system on Delhi-Mughalsarai section are estimated to cost approximately Rs. 520 Crore, of this about Rs. 61 Crore expenditure has so far been incurred.

(c) The Signalling and Telecommunication works in Delhi-Kanpur section are expected to be completed in 4 years' time frame. The Signalling and Telecommunication works in Kanpur-Mughalsarai section too will be progressed concurrently and shall be completed in about 4 years subject to availability of funds.

Cashew Cultivation

*365. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J.CHJTHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government to extend the areas under Cashew cultivation in various States; and

(b) what measures were taken to replant the areas already under Cashew cultivation, with hybrid seeds and plants?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) The Government has been providing assistance to the State Governments since the Eighth Five Year Plan under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Integrated